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TEN CENTS A WEEK

## DEPRESSION REIGNS AT ST. PETERSBURG

Imperial Family Advised to Remain in Their Palaces.

### AWE-STROCK AT DUKE'S DEATH

Council of the Empire Has Been Called to Meet in an Extraordinary Session to Consider the Situation—The Czar Is Overcome with Grief.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—1:05 p. m.—Depression, like the shade of doom, seems to be hanging over the Russian Capital. Bells are tolling and the people in the streets are awe-stricken at yesterday's bloody crime. Every one seems to shrink before the contemplation of what may happen next. The tragedy struck deep in the heart of the perplexed and tried emperor and many who were unsparing in their criticism yesterday today have only expressions of sympathy for his unhappy lot.

The bitter cup, which, during the last year has been pressed again and again to his lips is once more filled to the brim and in almost pathetic words this morning he implores his subjects to pray for the repose of the soul of his murdered uncle.

Death is in the air, and no one knows where the next blow may fall, although precautions have been doubled in every direction for the preservation of the lives of the members of the imperial family and the ministers and the secret police are seeking out and arresting those known to be associated with the fighting organization. The authorities realize their impotency toward off the swift acts of terrorism, murder in the streets being possible at any instant. The only safety seems to lie in seeking refuge behind palace walls and all the imperial family have been warned not to venture out.

Although only the official papers and the Grashdianan appear with black borders, the editorials of all of them are strangely sober. Some papers which in the past have been ready to law almost any charge at the door of Grand Duke Sergius are drawing back before the prospect of the inauguration of a reign of terror, fearing that it may destroy the bright prospects of reform and lead to an era of repression. But even in the midst of universal deprecation of the crime the majority express the hope that after all the darkest hour always comes just before dawn. Among the revolutionaries, however, there is a sentiment of elation. They openly glory in the deed, proclaiming that it removes the most reactionary influence at court and also proclaim the general theory that in the absence of armed resistance only by the error of concession be wrung from the hands of the autocracy. According to their view any weapon is justifiable. As a matter of fact it is too early yet to say what the political effect will be. For the moment everything is at a standstill.

### Session of Empire Council.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—An extraordinary sitting of the council of the empire has been summoned to consider the situation resulting from the assassination of Grand Duke Sergius.

### Prussian Prince Visits Czar.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—Prince Frederick Leopold, of Prussia, who had been visiting the emperor (previous according to advices from Berlin, to going to Manchuria as an observer representing Emperor William with the Russian army) started for Berlin at midnight.

It was announced from Berlin that Prince Friedrich Leopold was to go to the Far East by a steamer from Genoa, owing to the difficulty in sending the princely train quickly over the congested Siberian line and that he would first pay a visit to Emperor Nicholas.

### BRITISH STEAMER AT MANILA.

Was Carrying Supplies to Vladivostok But Is Disabled by Storm.

Manila, Feb. 20.—The American steamer Antonio MacLeod has been

chartered to tow the British steamer Carlisle, now lying disabled in San Miguel bay, off the southern end of the island of Luzon, to Manila.

The Carlisle was under charter to the Russian government to carry supplies from Vladivostok to Port Arthur. When 300 miles out from Vladivostok she lost her propeller and was carried by adverse winds and current into San Miguel bay. Her commander, Captain Simpson, went ashore in a small boat after the Carlisle had anchored to seek assistance and was lost sight of. It was feared that he had met with an accident, but he subsequently turned up on board of an inter-island steamship, which carried him to Manila.

### MAY IMPEACH GOVERNOR.

Grave Charges Made Against Executive of West Virginia.

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 20.—As a climax to a series of sensational in the West Virginia legislature, charges were made by senators on the floor of the senate today, which may result in the impeachment of Governor White.

The charges were made principally by Senator Caldwell, who was "slapped over the face," to use his own expression, by the special message of Governor White to the senate on Wednesday.

This is the message of Governor White to the senate on Wednesday.

This is the message which was returned to the governor to supply a newspaper clipping which concerned his political backers, Governor-elect Dawson and United States Marshal Elliot.

Senator Caldwell, in making his charges on the floor, said Governor White was guilty of dividing with the secretary of state the fees of the latter office, in consideration of appointment. Governor-elect Dawson is the present secretary of state.

Caldwell also said a letter had been sent out from New York by a Charleston attorney offering to secure a reduction in license tax on foreign corporations in consideration of half the decrease secured by legislation. He asserted that White and Dawson were back of this letter.

### NEARLY KILLS ASSAILANT.

Husband Awakens to Rescue Wife, Brutally Attacked in Home.

Cameron, W. Va., Feb. 20.—William Oakes, a lad, entered the home of William Thomas, a Baltimore and Ohio railroad engineer, and asked for something to eat. Mrs. Thomas furnished him a meal. After eating he assaulted her. Mrs. Thomas struggled desperately and her screams brought her husband, who was sleeping upstairs. With a chair Thomas beat the intruder senseless. Neighbors rushing in restrained him and rescued Oakes, who was in a dying condition.

Mrs. Thomas' back was sprained, one arm was broken, she was scratched and bruised in a dozen places. She is a frail woman, and is on the verge of nervous collapse.

Officers rushed Oakes to the county seat, Moundsville, to escape a threatened lynching.

### Man Killed by Belt.

Atlanta, Feb. 20.—William Cheek, an employee of the Atlanta Agricultural works, on the corner of Marietta and John streets, was killed while engaged in putting on a belt in the forge room. He was suddenly caught by the belt and pulled in between the belt and the pulley. His body was thrown on the shaft and the belt wrapped itself around him. Before any one could go to his assistance he had been crushed to death. His body was badly mangled by the accident.

### Present Roosevelt with Saddle.

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 20.—The Arizona Rangers have presented to Governor Brodie the finest saddle they could buy. The governor, who leaves for the east in a day or so, will present the saddle to President Roosevelt the compliments of the Rangers, who are mostly former Rough Riders.

### 1,000 Cossacks in Korea.

New York, Feb. 20.—Only 1,000 Cossacks now remain in Korean territory, cables the Herald's correspondent at Genzan. The departing forces destroyed supplies in large quantities.

## SIX ARE KILLED; FOURTEEN INJURED

Men Meet Horrible Fate In Pennsylvania Mine.

### HURLED TO BOTTOM OF SHAFT

While Being Lowered Into Mine the Cage Broke Loose and Fell With Its Human Freight a Distance of Twelve Hundred Feet.

Pottsville, Pa., Feb. 20.—While a cage containing 20 workmen was being lowered here today, it caught in the Lytle shaft, 10 some loose timbers along the side of the shaft and when suddenly released the cage dropped with such force as to tear the bottom from it. The miners were hurled to the bottom, a distance of about 1,200 feet, and it is believed all were crushed to death. Rescuers have been sent into the shaft to secure the bodies.

Six men were killed and 14 injured at the Lytle colliery today. The men were being lowered into the mine in a gunboat when the latter jumped the track and knocked out two props. This caused a fall of top rock and six of the men in the "gunboat" were crushed to death.

Ten of the injured are not in a serious condition, and were able to walk up the slope. Superintendent Kennedy has charge of the rescue forces.

### BOLD HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

\$5,000 Diamond Brooch Is Snatched From Throat of Gotham Woman.

New York, Feb. 20.—One of the most audacious of many recent robberies in this city occurred in the Bronx early today when a highwayman attacked Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cornish in front of their home, snatched a \$5,000 diamond brooch from Mrs. Cornish's throat, fired two bullets through the clothing of Cornish when he remonstrated and then escaped after an exciting race with a policeman in which several shots were exchanged, but so far as known without effect.

The police have only a meager description of the man and there seems little chance that he will be captured.

The robber followed Mr. and Mrs. Cornish home from a street car in which the lavish display of diamonds worn by the couple had attracted much attention.

### Secretary White Returns Home.

London, Feb. 18.—Secretary White, of the United States embassy and Miss White sailed for New York today from Southampton on board the steamer Philadelphia. Rear Admiral Chadwick and Mrs. Chadwick were also passengers on the Philadelphia. The steamer Etruria which sailed for New York from Liverpool today took among her passengers W. W. Rockhill and Mrs. Rockhill.

### Nearly Drowned in Milk.

Mahoney City, Pa., Feb. 20.—In a runaway down Broad mountain at day-break George Deane, a dairy farmer, was trapped in his overturned sleigh and almost drowned in 400 quarts of milk. He just escaped being dashed over a 200-foot embankment by the sleigh striking a guard post and setting the runaway horses free. Another dairyman later discovered Deane dazed and benumbed in freezing milk.

### Fine or Poison for Hazers.

Harrisburg, Feb. 20.—Representative Blough's bill to punish hazing in the common schools, colleges or other institutions of learning in Pennsylvania has passed the lower house. The measure makes the playing of abusive tricks on students in the guise of fun a misdemeanor, and provides for a fine or imprisonment or both.

### Negro Student Acquitted.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 20.—Sam Bowen, a 17-year-old negro student of the Georgia State College for "Colored Youth," was acquitted of the charge of murder in killing Professor Cotton on Feb. 2. The professor elected Bowen from a classroom and threatened him with a stick, when Bowen hurled a brick, striking Cotton on the head.

### SWAYNE'S STATEMENT REJECTED

Other News from the National Capitol—Congress Very Busy.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The senate convened in secret session at 11 a. m. today to continue the consideration of the question of the admissibility of the testimony of Judge Swayne's statement before the house investigating committee.

After further debate on the question by Messrs. DuBois, Patterson and Malory and the senate decided by a vote of 29 to 45 not to admit the Swayne statement.

The senate as a court of impeachment then adjourned until 2 o'clock Monday and at 12 o'clock resumed its executive session.

### in the House.

When the house convened at noon Mr. Wadsworth (N. Y.), chairman of the house committee on agriculture, stated that the senate had withdrawn the revenue clause from the agricultural bill and on his motion the house disagreed to all of the senate amendments to the bill and requested a conference. Messrs. Wadsworth (N. Y.), Henry (Conn.) and Lamb (Va.) were appointed conferees on the part of the house.

The house disagreed to the senate amendments to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill and requested a conference. The speaker named Messrs. Hitt, Adams (Pa.), and Dinwiddie (Ark.) as the house conferees.

### Steel Wharf for New Orleans.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The navy department has decided to construct a steel and timber wharf at the naval station, New Orleans, and has advertised for bids for its construction. The wharf will be about 35 feet wide and 600 feet long resting on pile foundations. The estimated cost is \$42,000.

### Fighting Each-Townsend Bill.

Washington, Feb. 20.—President Milton H. Smith, of the Louisville & Nashville railroad today appeared before the senate committee on interstate commerce and submitted a written argument. He then introduced Colonel Henry L. Stone, of Kentucky, general counsel of the road, who began a statement on the subject of the constitutionality of the Each-Townsend bill. He will continue his statement on Monday.

### NEGROES FORM POLITICAL CLUB

Organization Will Have a National Scope—Will Hold Convention.

New York, Feb. 20.—Negroes of this and adjoining states have held a meeting here at the Colored Republican club for the purpose of drafting a constitution and by-laws of a negro political organization of national scope. It was known as the National Colored Voters' League.

The leaders intend to hold a national convention of colored voters and to have a thorough organization, including district, county and state associations. The delegates to the national convention will be chosen from the several state organizations from which congressional district and delegates at large. This is said to be the first definite movement of the sort undertaken by the colored voters.

### Hungary Diet Meets.

Budapest, Hungary, Feb. 20.—The newly elected diet met today under the presidency of M. Madarasz, who occupied the chair by right of seniority. In declaring the session open M. Madarasz said the new standing orders introduced in the preceding parliament were illegal. The debates, therefore, would be conducted in accordance with the old rules. The entry of Count Albert Apponyi and Francis Kossuth into the house was the signal for warm applause from their followers.

### Woman Meets Tragic Fate.

Waynesboro, Ga., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Edward A. Carter, wife of Hon. E. A. Carter, was so seriously burned that she has since died. She was sitting by the fire in her room and caught fire in some unknown way Tuesday. When found by her husband, who was asleep in the next room, she was in a very serious condition. Medical attention was rendered as soon as possible, but it was to no avail.

## RUSSIAN ARMY TO ASSUME OFFENSIVE

Kuropatkin Concentrating Big Force Against Kuroki.

### INCREASED ACTIVITY IN EAST

Russia Is Strengthening Her Forces in Manchuria—St. Petersburg Fears the Japanese and Chinese Bandits Will Cut Their Line of Communication.

Tokio, Feb. 18, 11 a. m.—According to reports from the Shakhe river, the Russians showing increased activity on both flanks and are strengthening their right. They also seemed to be concentrating a heavy force on their left in front of General Kuroki.

Susichun is the base of the late operations and it is estimated that the Russians there number six divisions.

The impression exists that General Kuropatkin is preparing to assume the offensive. The weather is still unfavorable, but the excessive cold will soon be over.

Chinese reports to the effect that General Kuropatkin is preparing to



GENERAL KUROPATKIN.

abandon the Shakhe river line and retire northward are discredited here.

The Russians shelled portions of Field Marshal Oyama's center and left on Feb. 16. On Friday the Russian cavalry in retiring from a recent attack upon Field Marshal Oyama's left halted at Luchengfang.

### St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—1:30 p. m.

In diplomatic circles the opinion is quite generally expressed that yesterday's tragedy may be followed by the decision of the government to conclude peace. For some time despite the official attitude maintained by the government there has been a growing appreciation of the difficulties of prosecuting the war in the midst of increasing complications at home and, as announced by the Associated Press, the matter will be the subject of a formal consideration by the emperor and his ministers Feb. 16. Strong influences which it is understood, in spite of denials, are headed by M. Witte, president of the committee of ministers, have been working quietly in this direction. Major General Grippenberg's statements followed by the murder of Grand Duke Sergius in the opinion of some of the ablest diplomats are not unlikely to lead the emperor definitely to decide upon peace. In this connection the war office is considerably alarmed by the new danger threatening the Manchurian army from the systematic attempts making by Japan and Chinese bandits to cut the line of communications back of the army. According to reports about 10,000 men split up into bands of several hundred each and are operating from Mongolia, and are attacking the railroad. The Russian detachment following up the Japanese band which had cut the road below Harbin, fell into an ambush of two regularly organized Japanese regiments and was almost cut to pieces, losing half its men and one gun.

The fear is that if the bands move further north or west they might interrupt communication to such an extent as to make it impossible to supply the army. This danger has already compelled the triple reinforcement of the railroad guards below Harbin.